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SUBJ: VISIT AALC REPRESENTATIVE

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BEGIN SUMMARY: WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CERTAIN
POINTS BEFORE REACHING CONCLUSION ABOUT POSSIBLE VISIT TO
MADAGASCAR
BY AALC REP. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW INDIVIDUAL BY NAME OF RANDRIANSOLO IN
FEDERATION OF MALAGASY WORKERS (FMM). FMM OFFICERS ARE: CHARLES
RANDRIANATORO, SECRETARY GENERAL; RAJOELINA, PERMANENT
SECRETARY;
JEAN RASOLONDRABE, CONFEDERAL SECRETARY. WE CANNOT NECESSARILY
ASSUME THAT RANDRIANSOLON IS SAME AS RANDRIANATORO SINCE MANY
MALAGASY NAMES ARE QUITE SIMILAR. PERHAPS BROMBART KNOWS TITLE
AND FUNCTION OF RANDRIANSOLO IN FMM.

2. SOMEWHAT TO EMBASSY'S SURPRISE, FMM AS WELL AS CCSM (CHRISTIAN
TRADE UNION FEDERATION) JOINED LEFTIST MALAGASY TRADE UNIONS IN
ISSUING PUBLIC COMMUNIQUE APR 5 APPROVING PROPOSAL CREATE
SINGLE PAN- AFRICAN TRADE UNION CENTER AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR
EVENTUAL CREATION OF SINGLE TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION IN
MADAGASCAR.
COMMUNIQUE ALSO SAID PAN- AFRICAN TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION MUST
FIGHT AGAINST " IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, AND NEOCOLONIALISM IN ALL
ITS FORMS". WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INDICATIONS BROMBART GOT FROM FMM
REP AT RECENT LABOR MEETING IN TUNIS ABOUT FMM ATTITUDE TOWARD
SINGLE AFRICAN TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION.
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3. WE ALSO SOMEWHAT WARY OF CLOSE AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT WITH FMM AT THIS JUNCTURE BECAUSE OF ITS POLITICAL ASSOCIATIONS IN MADAGASCAR. FORMERLY AFFILIATED WITH PSD, PARTY OF GOVT OVERTHROWN IN MAY OF 1972, IT HAS RECENTLY BEEN PULLING AWAY FROM THAT PARTY AND MAY IN NEAR FUTURE ASSOCIATE WITH MFM, NEW PARTY OF ANDRE RESAMPA, FORMER VICE PRESIDENT AND CURRENTLY ACTIVE POLITICIAN WHO HAS BEEN MOVING INCREASINGLY TOWARD POSITION OF OPPOSITION VIS- A- VIS PRESENT GOVT BECAUSE OF HIS OWN POLITICAL AMBITIONS. AS DEPT KNOWS FROM TANANARIVE 191(NOTAL), THIS EMBASSY HAS BEEN MOVING VERY CAREFULLY WITH RESPECT ANYTHING HAVING TO DO WITH RESAMPA IN VIEW OF SUSPICIOUS TENDENCY OF PRESENT MALAGASY GOVT AND FALSE ALLEGATIONS, BOTH PAST AND RECENT, OF U. S. POLITICAL SUPPORT OF RESAMPA. WE WOULD THEREFORE WANT KNOW HOW MUCH AID AALC MIGHT ENVISAGE FOR FMM AND FOR WHAT SPECIFIC PURPOSES.

4. WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ON POINTS RAISED IN ABOVE 3 PARAS BEFORE REACHING CONCLUSION ABOUT ADVISABILITY OF BROMBART VISIT. EVEN IF WE SHOULD REACH FAVORABLE CONCLUSION, WE WOULD IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, FOR SAKE OUR RELATIONS WITH MALAGASY GOVT AND TO AVOID UNFOUNDED SUSPICIONS ON ITS PART, WANT ADVISE IT INFORMALLY (PROBABLY THROUGH RAZAKNDRATOVO, DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR TO HEAD OF GOVT GENERAL RAMAMANTSOA) IN ADVANCE ABOUT VISIT, HOW IT CAME ABOUT, AND ANY AID TO BE FURNISHED FMM.
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